

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claims 22-25 are provisionally cancelled without prejudice. Claims 27 and 28 are new claims.

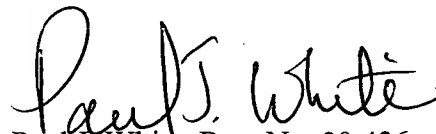
The office action dated March 26, 2003 contains a restriction requirement dividing the claims into Groups I through VI. Applicant elects Group II (claims 3-4 and 5-8) and respectfully traverses the requirement as to Groups I and III to VI in light of the claim amendments.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a punctuation error. Claim 9 has been amended to correct a misspelling.

Claims 27 and 28 are new claims. Claim 27 is a linking claim that repeats the limitations of claims 1 through 20. Claim 26 is also a linking claim having a scope that more generally encompasses claims in Groups I, II, IV, and V. As is the practice stated in MPEP §809, the linking claims must be examined with the elected claims of Group II. If any linking claim is allowed, the restriction must be withdrawn. See also MPEP §809.03.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees to deposit account 14-0460. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions that would expedite the prosecution of the present case to allowance, Applicants' undersigned representative earnestly requests a telephone call at (303) 384-7575.

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